
Panel split on JFK film study

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WASHINGTON — Staff members of the House Assassinations Committee have looked at a newly obtained film of the Kennedy assassination but are split over whether to commission a computer analysis of it.

Committee aides said the staff looked at the original film, which was taken shortly before President John Kennedy was killed in Dallas. But they reached no agreement on what steps to take next.

"We are still discussing it," a committee aide said Tuesday. The panel members — including Chairman Louis Stokes, D-Ohio — have not looked at the film and are awaiting the staff report, aides said.

The assassinations committee is scheduled to end its 2-year investigation Dec. 31. It has spent the \$5 million appropriated for it by congress. The investigation of the film has been complicated by lack of time and money.

The film was taken by former Dallas resident Charles Bronson on Nov. 22, 1963. Some film experts say it shows a second image in the 6th-floor window of the Texas Schoolbook Depository from which the shots were allegedly fired that killed Kennedy.

Critics of the Warren Commission who dispute its conclusion that a lone assassin — Lee Harvey Oswald — killed Kennedy say the Bronson film is the "most important new evidence" in 15 years to support their theory that there was a conspiracy behind the assassination.

Staff aides said it was uncertain when a decision

would be made whether to try and find funds for a computer analysis of the film. Experts have said such an analysis could further pinpoint information about the fuzzy image in the film and determine if it is a person.